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| For: STRUCTURE FOR PATTERN    | ) |                             |
| FORMATION, METHOD FOR         | ) |                             |
| PATTERN FORMATION, AND        | ) |                             |
| APPLICATION THEREOF           | ) |                             |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2004 setting a shortened statutory response period of three months, which expired March 30, 2005. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, bringing the term for response to June 30, 2005. Also filed herewith are three Terminal Disclaimers to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent. Checks in the amount of \$1,020.00 (three-month extension fee) and \$390.00 (disclaimer fee) are enclosed herewith. Should any other fees be deemed necessary to be charged to this file, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1351. Applicants submit the following Remarks and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Action and to allow the claims to issue.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 36 of this paper.